



HIBISCUS QUILT GUILD GAZETTE

SEPTEMBER 2026

GUILD NEWS

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QADM \$2
PLUS, FOOD
DONATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY
September 19th

PROGRAM-HAWAIIAN
QUILT PART 1- LEARN TO
NEEDLE TURN APPLIQUE –
ALL SUPPLIES PROVIDED
BY DEBBIE SPRAGUE AND
MICHELLE KAY – PART 2
OCTOBER 17TH

QADM
CANCELLED
FOR SEPT 7TH
AND 14TH

~Quilt All Day
MONDAYS' (QADM):
Every MONDAY except
as noted in guild
calendar in newsletter
or changes by email.

WHERE: Community of
Hope Church,
165 Ohio Rd.
Lake Worth, FL 33467



Another amazing Staycation by Christine Burtch and Michelle Kay. Thank you!!! The food was amazing, the classes were amazing, the quilting comradery was amazing, just everything.

Sammy Weber and his wife, Jeri, joined us for the potluck dinner. Afterward, Sammy performed for us and shared a brief overview of his musical background and the history of the songs he played. His talent and warm personality truly engaged the audience. Christine Burtch also videotaped three full performances with permission. If you would like to watch them, please reach out to her.





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Ladies, I encourage you to join the Secret Pal program at Staycation. My Secret Pal, Linda Ursillo, surprised me during the big reveal with this tea service set, WOW. My Saturday morning gift from her was a trio of hand-painted miniatures (not pictured below). Linda has offered to teach a class on creating acrylic-painted miniatures and we all said YES!



Eleanor Yura, our Parliamentarian, was unable to attend Saturday's meeting, so I introduced the nominees for the 2027–2028 Executive Board on her behalf. Nominations were then opened to the floor, and no additional names were submitted. The following nominees are running unopposed, they are:

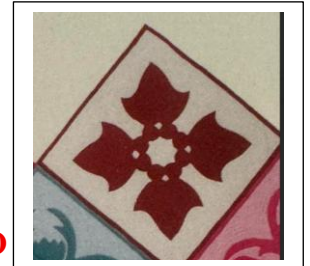
Vice President – Michelle Kay
Secretary – Jill Kinney, assisted by Kristine Jones
Treasurer – Shelly Yarrington, assisting with our guilds accounting software, QuickBooks, will be Debbie Sprague
History – Mary Moore

Per the by-laws, the Vice President automatically becomes President at the end of her term. Our current Vice President, Christine Burtch, will serve as President for 2027–2028, so there will be no vote for that position. The floor vote will be held in October, and the new officers will be installed in December.

Upcoming events:



From



TO

UPDATE UPDATE UPDATE our Hawaiian Quilt Class will be done in two parts

September 19 & October 17: To do the Hawaiian Quilt technique you must know how to needle-turn applique. The easiest way to learn it is by learning on hearts as it has every element you will need. Needle-turning with a heart will help you practice straight edges, inner and outer points, and curves—everything needed for Part 2.

Part 1 (September 19) Michelle Kay and Debbie Sprague will focus on teaching needle-turn appliqué using a heart. You will take pre-cuts hearts and learn to needle-turn them on white background fabric...all the fabric will be provided. When you are done, you will have a finished “heart block” for that time you need to send one out

Supplies for part 1:

- A needle for hand sewing, your choice as everyone is different
- Thread medium and dark pinks
- A fabric pencil for light and dark fabric
- Option, but if you have a Clover mini iron, and pressing mat you will find this very useful.
- Applique pins (if you have them, if not we will have some on hand for you to use



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Applique pins ¾"



Clover Mini Iron

Part 2 (October 17) Jeannette Smith will teach the Hawaiian Quilting Technique.

Supplies for part 2:

- (1) 16" square of fabric for the applique design
- thread to match applique fabric for the applique
- any color thread of contrasting color for basting down applique
- (2) 20" square of fabric for background and backing
- thread to match background
- thread to match backing for quilting
- (1) 20" lightweight batting
- sharp scissors that will cut fabric and freezer paper
- applique pins, but I will have some if you don't have any
- thimble but I will have some

➤ Hawaiian Quilt History:

- <https://youtu.be/RvtJv0O3D58?is=AuIEFuHsgjlvGwlW>

➤ Hawaiian Quilts More than on Hawaiian Quilts

➤ More than an Art Form:

- https://youtube.com/shorts/IW9amh5N-GA?is=w1UmJbsb_h12uDdu

Row by Row II: For my 7 row players, Row 1-2 & 3 are due; For my 6 row players rows 1 & 2 are due.

December 19: Holiday party, New Officer Installation ceremony, Potluck luncheon, and optional gift exchange.

Row by Row II: For my 7 row players, Row 1-2-3-4-5 & 6 are due;

For my 6 row players rows 1-2-3-4 & 5 are due.



January 16, 2027 (only one slot

open): Sue Carter will be teaching "Parfait Goodness" a great jelly roll or 2-1/2" strip pattern. Sue Carter is an outside teacher with a fee of \$150. Sue will send a material list closer to class time, but you will all need the pattern. Only 1 opening left, cost is \$10. You can find the pattern by following the link below:

<https://www.fatquartershop.com/parfait-goodness-downloadable-pdf-quilt-pattern-wendy-sheppard>

Row by Row II FINAL ROUND: For my 7 row players, Row 1-2-3-4—6 & 7 are due;

For my 6 row players rows 1-2-3-4-5 & 6 are due.



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March 20, 2027: Ricardo Cortez, with Tops Sew and Vacuum, will be back for our annual sewing machine maintenance program. I do not have his 2027 rates but his 2026 rates were amazing.

See you all at our September meeting,

Debbie Sprague, President



Minutes for
AUGUST 15TH 2026

Board Members present: President: Debbie Sprague, Vice President: Christine Burtch, Treasurer: Jackie Blazok, Secretary: Nancy Damberg, Historian: Mary Moore
Members Present: 22 Guests 1
Meeting called to order at 9:35 a.m.
July minutes accepted as written, 1st by Shelly Yarrington, 2nd by Christine Burtch
Birthday basket presented for July and August birthdays.
Block of the month was won by Nancy Damberg. Block of the month drawing was won by Nancy Solnick. The door prize was won by Nancy Solnick. New fat quarters for next month's block were passed out to anyone who needed one.

Jackie Blazok presented the Treasurer Report. The Treasurer's Report was accepted. 1st by Christine Burtch, 2nd Janet Cole.

Jackie Blazok had a pass out showing different sewing machine feet and what they are used for.

A big thank you to Michelle Kay and Christine Burtch for all their work on Staycation. Entertainment by Sammy Weber was excellent. Next year's location for staycation is to be determined. The staycation committee for next year is Jill Kinney, Christine Burtch and Margaret Levins.

On August 22 there will be a field trip to the Quilted Peacock at 9 a.m.

The president's drawing was won by Kristine Jones.

After the meeting in September Michelle Kay and Debbie Sprague will teach a needle turn applique class. We will be doing an 8 inch heart block.

Row by Row Fat Quarters challenge, first row, or first and second row show tell was presented.

Next year's small quilt swap will be 2 fabrics. Rules were passed out.

Eleanor Yura was unable to be at the meeting. Debbie Sprague read the list of the nominees for 2027 & 2028. Christine Burtch will become President as written in the bylaws. Michelle Kay is running for Vice President, Shelly Yarrington is running for Treasurer and Margaret Levins for Secretary. Mary Moore will continue on as Historian. Voting will be in October and installation in December. If anyone is interested in running for any of the positions you should let Eleanor Yura know.

Cindy Hislop, announced that she had bought 3 rolls of batting from Amazon, the vendor was Linda's Electric Quilters for \$719.83. She used \$500 from a donation and \$218.83 from the guild. The batting is Hobbs 120 X 30 yards. We hopefully will be able to get two quilts for sandwiching from each cut because of width. It should last a long time. QADM is still completing quilts. Cindy Hislop will be making calls



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for deliveries in September. The plan for September is to make quilts from beginning to end using the batik fabrics from storage. Patriotic quilts are also being made.

Membership drawing was won by Nancy Solnick. We have one visitor today; her name is Carolyn Reikenis.

Joy Woodworth reminded everyone about the UFO Challenge encouraging everyone to work on the UFO's. So far only one has been turned in. With every finished project entered you get a ticket to win the money that was paid into the challenge.

Michelle Kay said we were accepted into the Vero Beach show. It is a 2 day show. Items to sell were discussed. There may be a raffle quilt but that hasn't been decided yet. Help will be needed to prepare for the show, set up, work the show and take down.

The small quilt swap was presented and photos were taken.

Prizes were drawn for Staycation.

The meeting was closed at 10:52 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Nancy Damberg, Secretary

PIECEMAKERS

QADM IS CANCELLED FOR THE 7TH AND 14TH OF SEPTEMBER.

**Please remove from your
calendars September 7th and
14th**

We have two guild quilts for sale.
The pink one is finished and ready
to use. The black one is top only.
They are for sale for you to enjoy!

Pink finished \$50.00



Black unfinished \$20.00



See everyone on September
19th for our General Meeting and
September 21st for our next QADM

Cindy Hislop

Price list for fabric in our
storage unit

Fabric yardage

Members \$3 per yard

Non Members \$5 per yard

Batik fabric yardage

Members \$5 per yard

Non Members \$7 per yard

(some fabrics may not be available for sale if they
are fabrics for a special project, such as patriotic
fabrics, backing fabrics or special donations)

Finished quilts (some quilts may not be
available for sale)

Members Price



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Width less than 42 inches \$35
Width more than 42 inches but less than 50 inches \$45
Width more than 50 inches \$55
Nonmembers Add \$10
You can buy fabric by contacting me to set up a time to meet at the storage unit. Payment can be made through Zelle, cash or check. Money from the sales will be used to help pay for the cost of renting the storage units.

Nancy Damberg
419-345-6393



PATRIOTIC QUILTS NEEDED

As most of you know we can't get enough Patriotic Quilts. Anything you can do to increase our supply will help!

It does not have to be finished!

We have panels and fabric available to all members; just call or see Cindy Hislop to arrange pickup. 561-309-3467

PATRIOTIC QUILT SIZE IS 42 X 58

Block of the Month

PARTICIPANTS

August 2026 BOM, unless otherwise notated, blocks are pieced:

Debbie Sprague – Square-in-a-Square, FPP

Nancy Damberg – Buckeye Beauty

Jackie Blazok – Patriotic Strip

Christine Burtch – Envelope, pieced but an original design

Nancy Scolnick – Coxey's Camp

Shelly Yarrington – Antique Tile

Stacey Ryerson – Checkerboard
Kristie Petenbrink – Bear Tracks
Cheryl Petenbrink – Old Maid's Puzzle
Kristine Jones – Flying Geese



JOIN US WE ARE HAVING A GREAT TIME! Still time....

➤ Each month YOU will be provided with an FQ to use within your block. The FQ fabric will be the same each month, so if you win more than one month, you can combine the blocks from each win. You will get a sampler of blocks with uniformity throughout the rest of this year.

➤ Now here is the great news...you get to pick the 12-1/2" unfinished block of your choice. The only requirement is that you must prominently use the provided FQ in your block...again, uniformity. You can piece, applique, paper piece, etc., whatever you want, but just be sure to use the FQ fabric provided somewhere within the block. BUT, BUT, BUT you cannot use the same block twice or more within the



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next six months. Each block within the BOM period MUST BE DIFFERENT.

➤ Blocks will be measured 12-1/2" unfinished

➤ You start with one FQ; the only way you can get your next FQ is to enter your block in the BOM drawing during the meeting.

➤ What happens if you make your block for one month, but then you cannot attend? Good news, use it for the next meeting you can attend! As there is no specific block per month, the blocks can be used anytime.

Recap of rules

* Rule #1: The block must contain somewhere within it some of the FQ fabric I provided. The fabric must be used so it is predominantly seen within the block. In case of lost FQ, see Rule #5

* Rule #2: your choice of 12-1/2" block pattern. Any pattern and any technique can be used. Please attach a paper with the **name of your block** on it. For example: Square-in a- Square, Pieced, Debbie Sprague* Rule #3: Once you use a block pattern, it cannot be used again within the BOM trial period.* Rule #4: Sorry, ladies, blocks will be measured. A 12-1/2" unfinished block must measure at least 12-1/2" unfinished, if you have a block that can be cut down great, if you can't then I can't accept it. Bigger is better, but to "cut down to 12-1/2" it will mean the block's visual integrity will not be jeopardized. If the cutting down destroys points, it just won't work.

Rule #5: If you lose your FQ, you may get a replacement FQ at the cost of \$5.00

BY PARTICIPATION IN THIS BLOCK OF THE MONTH ENABLES YOU TO POSSIBLY WIN ALL OF THE BLOCKS FOR THE MONTH AND A SPECIAL PRIZE! Any questions, call me, Jackie Blazok 561-965-6195

WHAT PATTERN COULD I DO? YOU CAN FIND ALL KINDS OF PATTERNS HERE AND THEY ARE FREE! FAVE.COM OR QUILTERS CACHE.COM



MICHELLE JONES 9/3
ELEANOR YURA 9/4

The magic of sewing is that it makes you both the artist and the storyteller. Every stitch is as sentence, every fabric a paragraph, and every finished project a story worth keeping.



TA DA ----- OPENED FOR

SEPTEMBER &
OCTOBER -

OH NO! SHELVES ARE ALMOST
EMPTY! QUICK! CHECK YOUR EXTRA



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**SEWING ITEMS, FABRIC, UFO'S AND
OB'S TOO! CALL FOR PICK UP OR BRING**

TO OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING!

FUNDS FROM THE SALES OF UNWANTED
SEWING ITEMS HELP OUR FELLOW MEMBERS AND
PAY FOR THE GUILD'S STORAGE UNITS!

JACKIE BLAZOK 561-965-6195

01/2025-12/20 26 OFFICERS

President – Debbie Sprague
561-951-9958

Vice President - Christine Burtch
561-596-1896

Secretary – Nancy Damberg
419-345-6393

Treasurer – Jackie Blazok
561-965-6195

Historian – Mary Moore
973-479-9353

**If you cannot reach a committee
member and have questions, please
feel free to call your Executive
Board Member**

Anniversary Chairman Year 2027- 2028

Christine Burtch Chair 561-596-1896

Jill Kinney Co-chair 561-806-9858

Margaret Levins 561-324-9943

Block of the Month & Boutique

Jackie Blazok 561-965-6195

Boutique

Jackie Blazok 561-965-6195

Fund Raising Chairman

Michelle Kay 561-294-0547

Membership

Cindy Hislop -Chair 561-309-3467

Nancy Damberg Co-chair 419-345-
6393

Newspaper

Jan Smirnow -Editor 561-591-2797

Cheryl Petenbrink- Proof Reader
561-329-4018

Parliamentarian

Eleanor Yura 561-385-0287

Piecemakers

Cindy Hislop Chair 561-309-3467

Property Manager

Nancy Damberg Co-chair 419-345-
6393

Refreshments

Kat Rahla 561- 889-6812

Tax Letter Request

Email Request to hggosf@gmail.com

Web Mistress

Joy Woodworth 561-523-5284

Workshop

Debbie Sprague Chair 561-951-9958

Janet Cole Co-chair 561-601-6822

Veda Nathan Co-chair 781-738-0115

Committees on hold:

Community Education

Junior Member Community

Public Relations

2026 Calendar of Events

**QADM CANCELLED FOR SEPTEMBER 7TH
AND 14TH**

General Meetings: January thru December -
third Saturday. Of each month unless notified
by Email or Newsletter

September 2026 Needle-turn applique /
Michelle Kay & Debbie Sprague

October 2026 Hawaiian Quilt / Jeannette Smith

November 2026 tbd

December 2026 New officer Installation,
Holiday Party, Optional Gift Exchange



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Cash Basis

HIBISCUS QUILT GUILD OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.

Profit & Loss

August 2026

	Aug 26	Jan - Aug 26
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
**Resticted		
**Piecemaker's	0.00	500.00
Total **Resticted	0.00	500.00
Guild Non-Taxable Income		
BOA interest income	0.05	0.40
Membership Dues	0.00	1,550.00
Newsletter postage	0.00	15.00
Raffle quilt-general	0.00	90.00
Staycation - Retreat Income	95.00	1,044.79
Guild Non-Taxable Income - Other	0.00	65.92
Total Guild Non-Taxable Income	95.05	2,766.11
Taxable Income		
2026 PSL Quilt Show INCOME	0.00	2,584.82
Boutique Sales	0.00	595.00
Craft show Sales	0.00	40.00
Merchant fees	0.00	0.31
Piecemakers Sales	1,324.25	1,922.25
Quilts Sold	0.00	45.00
Total Taxable Income	1,324.25	5,187.38
Workshop fee Guild Non-Taxable	140.00	140.00
Total Income	1,559.30	8,593.49
Expense		
Donation		
Charitable Contributions	0.00	100.00
Total Donation	0.00	100.00
Fundraising Expense		
show expense	240.00	240.00
Total Fundraising Expense	240.00	240.00
Guild Committee Expenses		
piecemakers		
Fabric/Material	0.00	1,413.91
piecemakers - Other	0.00	139.14
Total piecemakers	0.00	1,553.05
Staycation - Retreat Expense	0.00	450.00
Website - Webpage	204.00	280.80
Workshop Fee	0.00	100.00
Total Guild Committee Expenses	204.00	2,383.65
Guild Overhead Expenses		
Postage, Mailing Service	0.00	0.00
Storage Unit	0.00	-280.00
Supplies	0.00	-24.08
Total Guild Overhead Expenses	0.00	-284.08
Insurance GL	0.00	315.00
Licenses & Taxes		
Sales Tax	0.00	320.02
Licenses & Taxes - Other	0.00	61.25
Total Licenses & Taxes	0.00	381.27



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Profit & Loss

August 2026

	Aug 26	Jan - Aug 26
Professional Expenses		
Accounting Fees	0.00	350.00
Total Professional Expenses	0.00	350.00
PSL Quilt show	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	444.00	3,485.84
Net Ordinary Income	1,115.30	5,107.65
Net Income	1,115.30	5,107.65

August 2026 Treasurer's report by Jackie Blazok,

Income \$1,559.30: \$95 Staycation Raffle; Piecemaker's Sales
\$1,324.25; .05 Savings

Expense \$444.00: \$204 Webpage; \$240 Vero Beach Show Booth

Total Profit or Loss for 2026: \$5,107.65

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Cash Basis

HIBISCUS QUILT GUILD OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.

Balance Sheet

As of August 31, 2026

	Aug 31, 26
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
BANK OF AMERICA xxx8096	15,190.44
BOA Savings	6,001.63
Total Checking/Savings	21,192.07
Total Current Assets	21,192.07
TOTAL ASSETS	21,192.07
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
**Restricted Fund Juniors	230.00
**Restricted Memorial Fund	94.65
Unrestricted Net Assets	15,759.77
Net Income	5,107.65
Total Equity	21,192.07
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	21,192.07